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Identical letters dated 6 July 2017 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I should like to convey to you the following information:

In recent days, Turkish forces yet again infiltrated the territory of the Syrian Arab Republic in several parts of country, including, in particular, the areas of I'zaz, Jibrin and Akhtarin in the northern countryside of Aleppo. This action is a continuation of the policy being implemented by the Erdoğan regime in Syrian territory, one that is founded on aggression and expansionistic illusions. In previous identical letters, Syria explained that Turkey is occupying its territory and using armed force against it. It also spelled out how the Erdoğan regime is supporting armed terrorist groups by providing them with shelter, training and weapons, and explained that the regime had begun building walls in several areas along the length of the Syrian border, grabbing vast swathes of the Syrian Arab Republic from Syrian farmers in those areas.

The Erdoğan regime's actions blatantly violate international law, Security Council resolutions concerning Syria and the letter and spirit of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations. The regime's actions blatantly violate, in particular, the relevant Security Council resolutions, which reaffirm the sovereignty of the Syrian Arab Republic and the unity of its territory and people. The recent Turkish aggression is in keeping with the destructive role being played by the Turkish Government in Syria. It makes Turkey a key partner in the terrorism and plots that are being directed against Syria and a serious threat to regional and international security and stability.

The international community understands that what the region does not need is further complication and more terrorism and destruction. Accordingly, the Syrian Arab Republic, which has repeatedly warned against the Turkish regime's dangerous policies, calls on the international community to stand up to, respond and condemn the destructive actions of Turkey. The Syrian Arab Republic reiterates that its people and army are determined to use every means available in order to defend every inch

of its territory and confront the takfirist terrorism that is backed and espoused by the Erdoğan regime.

The continued silence of the Security Council regarding the practices and policies of the regime of Recep Tayyip Erdoğan will increase that regime's recklessness and its defiance of the will of the international community, which seeks to end swiftly the Syrian crisis and restore security and stability to the region.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 108, and of the Security Council.

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